

Protocol Area 3 (Activity 5)

Mental Health Services
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- How does the grantee ensure that the staff works with parents to discuss and identify appropriate responses to their children's behavior including how to strengthen nurturing, supportive environments and relationships in the home and at the program?

Protocol Area 3: Parent Involvement in Children's Mental Health (cont.)

- Soliciting and Sharing Information
- Strengthen Relationships and Environments
- Parent Involvement in Services

Soliciting and Sharing Information

- How does the grantee solicit parental information?

Soliciting and Sharing Information (cont.)

- 1304.24(a)(1) -- Grantee and delegate agencies **must work collaboratively with parents** (see 45 CFR 1304.40(f) for issues related to parent education) by:
- 1304.24(a)(1)(i) -- **Soliciting parental information, observations, and concerns about their child's mental health;**

Soliciting and Sharing Information (cont.)

- **1304.40(f)(4)(i) -- A variety of group opportunities for parents and program staff to identify and discuss issues related to child mental health;**

Soliciting and Sharing Information (cont.)

- How does the grantee provide ongoing communication with parents of children with identified mental health needs?

Soliciting and Sharing Information (cont.)

- 1304.20(c)(1) -- Grantee and delegate agencies must establish a **system of ongoing communication with the parents of children with identified health needs** to facilitate the implementation of the follow-up plan.

Soliciting and Sharing Information (cont.)

- How does staff share their observations of the child?
- How does staff anticipate with parents the child's behavior?

Soliciting and Sharing Information (cont.)

- **1304.24(a)(1)(ii) -- Sharing staff observations of their child and discussing and anticipating with parents their child's behavior and development, including separation and attachment issues;**

Strengthen Relationships and Environments

- How does staff discuss and identify with parents appropriate responses to their child's behaviors?
 - 1304.24(a)(1)(iii) -- **Discussing and identifying with parents appropriate responses to their child's behaviors;**

Strengthen Relationships and Environments (cont.)

- How does the grantee discuss with parents how to strengthen nurturing, supportive environments and relationships in the home and at the program?
 - 1304.24(a)(1)(iv) -- **Discussing how to strengthen nurturing, supportive environments and relationships in the home and at the program;**

Strengthen Relationships and Environments (cont.)

- **1304.24(a)(1)(v) -- Helping parents to better understand mental health issues; and**

Parent Involvement in Services

- How does the grantee support the parents' participation in any needed mental health interventions?

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- **1304.24(a)(1)(vi) -- Supporting parents' participation in any needed mental health interventions.**

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- How does the grantee operating home-based programs assist, encourage, and support parents as they foster the growth and development of their children?

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- 1304.40(e)(2) -- Grantee and delegate agencies operating home-based program options must build upon the principles of adult learning **to assist, encourage, and support parents as they foster the growth and development of their children.**

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- How does the grantee provide opportunities for parents to enhance their parenting skills, knowledge, and understanding of the educational and developmental needs and activities of their children?

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- 1304.40(e)(3) -- Grantee and delegate agencies must provide opportunities for **parents to enhance their parenting skills, knowledge, and understanding of the educational and developmental needs and activities of their children and to share concerns about their children with program staff** (see 45 CFR 1304.21 for additional requirements related to parent involvement).

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- How does the grantee provide opportunities to include parents in the development of the program's curriculum and approach to child development and education?

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- 1304.40(e)(1) -- Grantee and delegate agencies must (see 45 CFR 1304.3(a)(5) for a definition of curriculum) **provide opportunities to include parents in the development of the program's curriculum and approach to child development and education...**

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- **1304.40(f)(4)(iii) -- The active involvement of parents in planning and implementing any mental health interventions for their children.**

Parent Involvement in Services (cont.)

- 1304.40(f) -- **Parent involvement in health, nutrition, and mental health education**
- 1304.40(f)(1) -- Grantee and delegate **agencies must provide** medical, dental, nutrition, and **mental health education programs for program staff, parents, and families.**